REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration in view of the here with presented amendment and remarks is respectfully requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC §102

Claims 1, 6, 7, 14, 15, 17, 18 and 25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C §102 as allegedly being anticipated by the Lodenius Patent.

It is believed that with the combination of claims 1-5 to new claim 1 that the §102 rejection is now moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-5 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over the Lodenius Patent as applied to claim 1 and further in view of the Selin Patent.

Reconsideration of this rejection is requested

The buffer register 32, 33 of the present invention is not for synchronising the data.

The Examiner's comments on Selin are not on point. In Selin, the buffer registers are not within the adaptor and their function is not identical to the one of the registers of the instant case (See Col. 6, 118-25 of Selin).

For the above reason, applicant urges withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 8, 11, 19 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over the Lodenius Patent as applied to claim 7.

It is urged that Lodenius neither teaches nor discloses the invention recited in claims 8, 11, 19, and 22 all of which depend directly or ultimately from amended claim 1.

Applicants respectfully urge the withdrawal of these rejections and the allowance of claims 1, 6 to 8, 11, 14, 15, 17 to 19, 22, and 25.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the present claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

AUTHORIZATION

If the Examiner believes that issues may be resolved by telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned at (212) 801-2146. The undersigned may also be contacted by e-mail at ecr@gtlaw.com.

No additional fee is believed to be necessary. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1561.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-1561.

Respectfully submitted,

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